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Junior Leader Club

Rowan County 4-H is excited to announce the formation of a Jr. Leader club. This club is for members age 12 (as of January 1, 2016) and older. Jr. Leaders will be a club focused on community service, leadership, and fun. When fully operational, the Jr. Leader club will serve as ambassadors for 4-H in the community and serve as mentors to younger 4-H members. Basically, this is the future leadership of our county's 4-H program. This will also be my primary marketing outlet for district and state activities and a great way to take your 4-H membership to the next level.

At our next meeting, we will continue with our service learning project of foster care in Rowan County. The next meeting of the Rowan Jr. Leader club will be **November 10, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H office. Please call Mr. Matthew with any questions.

Horse Project Clubs

The horse project area is our largest project area in Rowan County; if you are interested in learning more about horses and would like to join one of our horse clubs, please contact Mr. Matthew at the 4-H Office and he can put you in contact with one of the horse leaders. We have several horse clubs, and they all have a different approach to their focus; some work on non-rider events, some focus on speed events, and some focus on horsemanship and groundwork. If you have an interest, we can find a spot for you in the horse program. You absolutely do not have to have a horse to participate in a horse club, you just need an interest in learning more about horses!



4-H Shooting Sports Program

The Rowan Hot Shots Shooting Sports Club meets on the third Saturday of each month at the Rowan County Wildlife Association Range. We have a very active rifle and shotgun program and hope to move into archery and pistol this year. We are always accepting new members to this club and would love to see you out at the range. If you have any questions about the shooting sports program, please contact Beth Stebe (bethstebe@gmail.com) or Mr. Matthew at the 4-H office.





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Congratulations...Clover Shout Out to:

All American Quarter Horse Congress Participants in Horse Bowl:

Erin Christner—10th place individual
Micah Furr

The North Carolina team won first place out of 18 competing teams!

4-H National Shooting Sports Tryouts

Makayla Ryder—Air Rifle

Makayla will represent NC and Rowan County next summer in Nebraska at the 2017 4-H National Championships.

Upcoming Events

2016 Winter Food Show

The 2016 Winter Food Show will be on **December 17, 2016** at the Rowan County Extension Office. This will be a fun day of eating, learning, and sharing. Entry must be done online, and the link can be found below. Entry deadline is December 9, 2016. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Matthew (337-502-2571).

This year, we are also asking that each child participating bring an unopened toy (max \$10.00) or a \$5.00 donation to assist with the Rowan County 4-H Jr. Leader Club's service learning project. The Jr. Leader Club has taken on the project of foster care in Rowan County and has been working on packages that will be donated at the end of the year to children who are removed from their homes and placed in foster care.



Record Books

If you are planning on submitting your 4-H records for judging, they will be due at the 4-H office by **January 13, 2017**. I would encourage each of you to complete your records and submit them. These records are the gateway to state awards, scholarships, and national trips as you progress through your 4-H career. If you have any questions about 4-H records, please contact Mr. Matthew at the 4-H office.



Outstanding 4-H Member Award

Outstanding Individual - (Boy or Girl) - Ten percent of the total enrollment for each club may be nominated. It will be the discretion of the leader to determine the number of boy and girl entries for the club. Areas for judging Outstanding Boy or Girl include: 4-H project work, contest participation, community service, leadership activities, and enthusiasm for the 4-H program. Emphasis is placed on quality, not quantity of activities done or prizes won. An individual may win this award only once in each division. A group of "Honorable Mentions" (where recognition is deserved) will also be given.

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4-Her of the Year Award

Packets for the 4-Her of the Year Award are available at the 4-H office. Packets are also available from 4-H leaders. Please read the following carefully. All portions of the packet must be turned in by **Tuesday, January 3, 2017**.

This award will recognize a male and female Senior 4-H'er of the Year (ages 14 to 18 as of January 1) and a male and female Junior 4-H'er of the Year (ages 9 to 13 as of January 1). The winners of these awards will represent the Rowan County 4-H Program throughout 2017.

Criteria to be used in judging will be the applicant's 4-H career, participation on various levels (county, district, state, etc.), leadership abilities, and how well the 4-H'er exemplifies the qualities of 4-H. Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges and will be announced at the annual 4-H Achievement Night. Once you have earned 4-H'er of the Year in an age division, you are ineligible to receive the award again in that age division.

There are three parts to this process:

- Complete the application with the help of your parents and leaders. Make sure it is neat and legible.
- Submit up to ten pages (or 5 pages front to back) of awards, photos, personal stories, etc. that represent your 4-H career.
- Attend an interview with the panel of judges. Applicants should dress appropriately and be prepared to answer the judges' questions, plus give an introduction of themselves and why 4-H is important to them. Each applicant will also be given the opportunity to make closing remarks and to thank the committee for their time.

If you need any help with your application, please feel free to contact Mr. Matthew at the 4-H Office.

Outstanding Club Award

Outstanding Club - One or more clubs in each age division will receive an Outstanding Club certificate. Areas for judging outstanding clubs include 4-H activities, community service projects, and community study activities. Emphasis is placed on the quality of the club's total program, not on the quantity of things done. Activities covered on the Outstanding Club application form must be from the current club year. A club may win this award as many times as they are deemed worthy of it. In the event that no club in a given division is deemed worthy of the award, no certificate will be given in that division for the year.

Applications for all of these awards are available from the 4-H office or club leaders or on our Extension website. Please call Mr. Matthew with any questions.

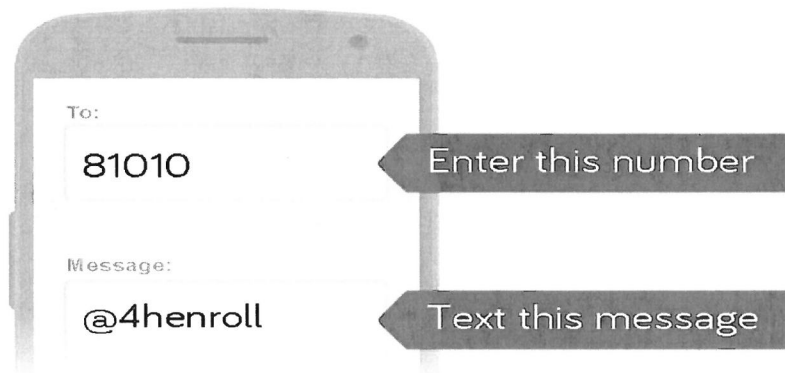


Mr. Matthew would like you to join Rowan 4-H Members!



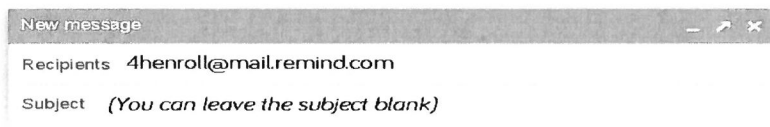
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Rowan County 4-H Tee Shirts

Rowan County 4-H tee shirts are available for purchase at the 4-H office for \$15.00. These shirts are what our Jr. Leaders will be sporting at the state and district events this year. If you would like one as well, let Mr. Matthew know and he can get you hooked up!

